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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced above average temperatures last week. The San Luis Valley and the Western half of the State received above average precipitation while the rest of the State received below average precipitation for this time of year. Overall, mountain snowpack is 112 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	41	20	2
Last Week	28	50	21	1
Last Year	0	7	81	12

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	43	21	2
Last Week	24	50	25	1
Last Year	1	12	80	7

**Small Grains:** Five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to poor condition due to a very dry winter. Spring barley was 15 percent seeded by the end of the week, a little ahead of the 5-year average of 9 percent. The planting of spring wheat increased to 7 percent which is ahead of the 5-year average of 3 percent.

**Row Crops:** Onion plantings increased to 18 percent of the acreage compared with 9 percent last year and 10 percent on average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 20, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	18	33	36	12	1
Last Year	1	5	24	51	19

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State due to the limited moisture.

**Livestock:** Cows that have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> increased to 47 percent while 37 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 20, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	7	25	36	28	4
Prev. Year – 2010	3	11	28	55	3
5-Year Avg.	11	22	37	28	2

## Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	47	47
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	37	37

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 20, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b> Pastured	5	5	10	11
<b>Spring Barley</b> Seeded	15	5	9	9
<b>Spring Wheat</b> Seeded	7	1	3	3
<b>Dry Onions</b> Planted	18	5	9	10

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	41	51	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.